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THE POTTER COMMITTEE.

Grand Achievements of the Investigators.

The Long-Sought "Original" Sherman Letter Found—Net Proceeds of the \$20,000 Expended by the Committee—Mr. Potter Saves Further Ridicule by Promptly Declaring the Letter a Forgery.

Investigation at New Orleans Resumed. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—The Potter subcommittee met this morning. Present—Hon. Clarkson N. Potter (chairman) and ex-Gov. Edward Cox.

Oscar Arroyo, Secretary of State, produced records of his office relating to the election of 1876.

P. G. DeLinde, Secretary of State under Kellogg, testified to affixing his signature to the first set of Republican electoral certificates. He signed it December 6. Does not recall signing any second set during Christmas week. Witness also testified he established George Kellman's name in the Anselm L. Smith committee for superintendence of registration and clerks, to be used by George P. Smith, the present collector of this port, while running for Congress in the fourth district.

Judge Billings, of the United States District Court, testified to a request having been made upon him to return the first set of Republican electoral certificates, it was alleged they were informed Judge Billings declined to grant the request, and subsequently a second set was handed in to him.

Peter Joseph, a Republican elector, testified to the facts already known about signing the first and second sets of Republican certificates. Mr. Kennedy was examined, and declared he had signed over to the negro Kelly, as he had been charged by some Northern papers, in fact, Kelly was now and had been for months in Washington.

Messrs. Raymond, Lloyd, and Malone, clerks in a carpet house here, testified to having found in their store on September 19 a bundle of documents left there by an address to Mrs. Anna J. Johnson. The documents were produced before the committee. The most important was one purporting to be the alleged original "Sherman letter."

Chairman Potter made a statement to the press to the effect that these documents had been dropped by Mrs. Jenkins for the purpose of misleading up the committee. He declared he made no written copy of the "Sherman letter" was a forgery. The committee then adjourned to Wednesday morning.

Government in the Indian Territory. SENATORS Patterson, of South Carolina; Gann, of Arkansas, and Grover, of Oregon, who, in behalf of the Senate Committee on Territories, have conducted an inquiry into the condition of affairs in the Indian Territory by taking testimony in Washington last session and in that Territory during the recess of Congress, will be ready next week to report to the full committee. They have agreed to recommend the enactment of legislation by Congress which shall provide—

First—for the establishment of a United States court in the Indian Territory, to possess both criminal and civil jurisdiction;

Second—that the Indians comprising the "Five Nations" shall be citizens of the United States, amenable to the Federal laws, and competent to serve on juries in the United States courts, &c.

Third—that the lands now held in common shall be divided and held in severalty, but in common for a term of years.

The sub-committee will probably advise the insertion in the proposed bill of a proviso that the lands so granted, which the various railroads companies desire the settlement of this territory, have annexed to them, and those willing to relinquish, shall be formally relinquished.

The recommendations of the sub-committee will probably be endorsed by a majority of the full committee; but the entire project of legislation is strenuously opposed by the authorized legal representatives of the five Indian nations.

The Redemption Agency.

The following is a statement of the operations of the National Bank Redemption Agency for the month and six months ending this day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year:

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